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To all member stations and friends of IBS Region Four:

Greetings;

After a phone conversation with Cliff Rhodes of Gettysburg last night, I am proposing the weekend of 24 March as the time for our Spring Regional Conference. Gettysburg's WJCC is holding a tenth anniversary celebration at that time, and would like all the regional stations to help them celebrate the occasion by being their guests. Before making definite plans, I should like to hear from you on the acceptability of the date, as well as the location. Gettysburg is situated in southern mid-central Penna., and though this is not the most centrally located station in the region, it is a switch from the many conferences in New York in recent years. Please make comment as soon as possible.

As you can see in the enclosed National Newsletter, Jay Fromer is trying to organize a network on the "ham" bands for the purpose of discussing general station affairs (I won't say business since the FCC frowns on business on the amateur bands). If any of the stations in Region Four would be interested in taking part in such a net, let me know and I'll pass the info on to Jay. Most colleges have ham stations on the campus, and some of your tech staff are probably active hams. I imagine the net will operate on the 75 meter 'phone band, which lets Swarthmore out of it. Yours truly is the only semi-active op hereabouts, and we're strictly c.w., 80 and 40 (code for the uninitiated). If anyone would be interested either in joining Jay's net or forming a regional net here, pass along your comments in this direction.

I plan to hold elections for the new Regional Director at the Spring Conference. If your station wishes to nominate anyone for this post, please send me a short resume of his/her qualifications, experience, etc., and we will try to get a compilation of the nominees out to the stations before the conference. Then all the prospectives can be introduced at the conference, and will not be totally unfamiliar to the member stations. As usual, all stations in the Region are welcome at the conference, but of course only members can vote. Who's your nominee?

Swarthmore's WSPN, in a continuing attempt to expand services while staying within FCC limits, is now planning to distribute the signal at 160 Kc., feeding frequency doubler-buffer amplifiers in the individual dorms. This would permit us four times the 640 Kc distance from the radiator to the 15 uv/m limit. Any of you tried that system?

That's about it for now, so watsay?



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